



MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
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MINUTES
of the
GOVERNING BOARD
of the
MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

May 3, 2006

I. Call to Order.

The regular meeting of the Governing Board of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority was called to order by Chairperson Michael Berger, at 3:00 p.m. on May 3, 2006 at the Conejo Recreation and Park District, 403 West Hillcrest Drive, Thousand Oaks.

II. Roll Call.

The roll was called and the following members were present: Ed Hayduk, Jerome C. Daniel, George Lange, Vice Chair, and Chairperson Michael Berger. Quorum present.

Staff present: Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Executive Officer; Rorie Skei, Deputy Executive Officer; Paul Edelman, Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; Walt Young, Chief Ranger and Chief of Operations; Tim Miller, Chief of Construction, Jeff Maloney, Staff Counsel, Dan Tholund, Chief of Facilities and Maintenance, Juliet Chung, Associate Government Program Analyst, Jeff Jones, Chief Financial Officer, and James Yeramian, Board Secretary.

III. Approval of Minutes.

The minutes of January 18, 2005 and February 2, 2005 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of January 18, 2005 and February 2, 2005 were approved as submitted.

IV. Public testimony on all agenda items and public comment on matters not on the agenda.

No public comment was made.

V. Reports

The Authority received verbal reports from the Chief Ranger and Chief of Operations, the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning, Chief Staff Counsel, the Deputy Executive Officer, Chief of Construction, Chief of Facilities and Maintenance, and the Chief Financial Officer.

VI. Consent Calender:

- (a) Consideration of resolution authorizing a sole source contract to Kristen Perry for services related to the Temescal Field Science Program.**
- (b) Consideration of resolution authorizing the acceptance of the following offers to dedicate open space or scenic easements: Newman-Ragland / P5-P5-84-284, Lankovska and Lynch / P5-84-813, Cal Fuji / P5-85-288 and Harris / P5-85-309.**
- (c) Consideration of resolution adopting the MRCA Warrant Disbursement for January, February, March, and April 2006.**
- (d) Consideration of a resolution authorizing the Assistant Financial Officer to sign State of California Office of Emergency Services Project Application for Federal Assistance.**
- (e) Consideration of resolution authorizing naming of Eagle Rock Alatorre Park.**
- (f) Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of a conservation easement over a portion of 7506 Willow Glen Road in Nichols Canyon, Los Angeles.**
- (g) Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of an approximately 32-acre conservation easement in Shadow Hills from Tract No. 53884, Los Angeles.**

On motion of Mr. Hayduk, item VI(b) was removed from the Consent Calendar.

On motion of Mr. Lange, duly seconded, Resolution No. 06-61, 06-62, 06-64, 06-65, 06-66, and 06-67 were unanimously adopted.

VI(b). Consideration of resolution authorizing the acceptance of the following offers to dedicate open space or scenic easements: Newman-Ragland / P5-P5-84-284, Lankovska and Lynch / P5-84-813, Cal Fuji / P5-85-288 and Harris / P5-85-309.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hayduk.

Comments were made by Staff Counsel and the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning.

On motion of Mr. Hayduk, duly seconded, Resolution No. 06-63 was unanimously adopted.

VII. Consideration of resolution approving the application for grant funds from the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for Second Supervisorial District Excess Funding for Ballona Creek.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 06-68 was unanimously adopted.

VIII. Consideration of resolution approving the application for grant funds from the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for Second Supervisorial District Excess Funding for Compton Creek.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hayduk.

Comments were made by the Deputy Executive Officer.

On motion of Mr. Hayduk, duly seconded, Resolution No. 06-69 was unanimously adopted.

IX. Consideration of resolution approving application for and acceptance of a Proposition 40 grant from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for trails restoration and repair at parks operated and maintained by the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 06-70 was unanimously adopted.

X. Consideration of resolution authorizing amendment of Southern California Edison easement to grant additional rights for its lease of fiber optic capacity, and acceptance of consideration therefor, Baldwin Open Space, Calabasas.

On motion of Mr. Hayduk, duly seconded, Resolution No. 06-71 was unanimously adopted.

XI. Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into a project agreement with the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District to use Proposition A Excess Funds to acquire properties in Chapter 8 Agreement numbers 2469, 2482 and 2501 in the Simi Hills, Santa Susana Mountains, Upper Santa Clara River watershed, north slope of the San Gabriel Mountains, and portions of the Antelope Valley.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hayduk.

Comments were made by the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by Messrs. Hayduk and Daniel.

Comments were made by the Executive Officer.

On motion of Mr. Lange, duly seconded, Resolution No. 06-72 was unanimously adopted.

XII. Consideration of resolution authorizing the transfer to the owner of an adjacent parcel, of fee title subject to a reservation of a conservation easement, APN 4452-018-900, lower Malibu Canyon in Serra Retreat.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Daniel.

Comments were made by the Chief Staff Counsel.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hayduk.

Comments were made by the Chief Staff Counsel.

On motion of Mr. Hayduk, duly seconded, Resolution No. 06-73 was unanimously adopted.

XIII. Consideration of resolution authorizing participation in the International Ranger Federation.

Comments were made by the Executive Officer.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

On motion of Mr. Lange, duly seconded, Resolution No. 06-74 was unanimously adopted.

XIV. Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into a project agreement with the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District to use Proposition A Excess Funds for the acquisition and improvement of lower Browns Canyon property, south of the 118 freeway (APNs 2706-001-026 and 029), Los Angeles.

Comments were made by the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by Messrs. Hayduk and Lange.

Comments were made by the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning.

On motion of Mr. Lange, duly seconded, Resolution No. 06-75 was unanimously adopted.

XV. Consideration of resolution authorizing (a) the acquisition of all or a portion of the approximately 1,012 acre Rio Dulce Ranch property in Soldedad Canyon; (b) entering into agreements with, and accepting funds from, other public agencies and non-profit organizations; (c) authorizing the use of both in lieu mitigation fees and the Pardee-Fair Oaks mitigation funds for said acquisition; (d) submitting a minimum bid of \$185,000, and (e) signing an Agreement of Purchase and Sale, unincorporated Los Angeles County. Negotiators: Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, San Francisco Bankruptcy Court and RDR Resolution, LLC. Under consideration: price and terms. (This item may be heard in closed session pursuant to Government Code § 54956.8.)

The Chair called Closed Session at 4:00 p.m. to discuss item XV and pending litigation: *Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy*.

The Chair reconvened the Open Session at 4:23 and announced that instructions were given to staff regarding item XV and pending litigation: *Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy*.

On motion of Mr. Hayduk, duly seconded, Resolution No. 06-76 was unanimously adopted.

XVI. Statements, questions, and directions to staff pursuant to Section 54954.2 of the Government Code.

No comment was made.

XVII. Closed Session.

The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority may hold a closed session on the following items pursuant to Government Code §§ 54956.8 and 54956.9. Confidential memoranda related to these items may be considered during such closed session discussions. Conference with legal counsel. Number of cases: 1. *Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy.*

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XVIII. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

The Chair announced that the next meeting would be held on June 7, 2006.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP
Executive Officer

Michael Berger
Chair